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EXPLOITATION OF MINES WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mine workers of the country are exploited by the mines` owners;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of mines whose owners are indulging in exploitation of workers; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to check this exploitation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): There are a large number of mines in the country where the mine workers are working and whenever any dispute alleging exploitation of workers or non-payment of wages, bonus, gratuity are raised/received, the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) takes up the matter in the form of disputes and also takes legal action wherever necessary against the mine owners for non-compliance of provisions under various Acts.

(b) Redressal of grievances is a continuous process. Whenever, grievances come to the notice of the Labour Enforcement Officer (Central)/Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) and Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), actions are initiated either to settle the matter under the Industrial Disputes Act or take legal actions as per the provisions of various other relevant laws.

(c): In order to check exploitation of workers the provisions of enactments are enforced through routine inspections and legal actions are taken against the defaulting employer to protect the workmen from exploitation.